



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 121000

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to prohibiting algorithmic rent fixing; and adding a new Chapter 7.34 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Sponsors: Moore, Rinck, Strauss

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	05/28/2025	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
1	Council President's Office	06/02/2025	sent for review	Housing and Human Services Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Housing and Human Services Committee						
1	City Council	06/10/2025	referred	Housing and Human Services Committee			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was referred to the Housing and Human Services Committee.						
1	Housing and Human Services Committee	06/11/2025	pass as amended				Pass
	Action Text: The Committee recommends that City Council pass as amended the Council Bill (CB). In Favor: 4 Chair Moore, Member Rinck, Member Saka, Member Solomon Opposed: 0						
2	City Council	06/17/2025	postponed				Pass

Action Text: The motion carried and the Council Bill (CB) was postponed until June 24, 2025, by the following vote:

Notes: Motion was made by Councilmember Solomon and duly seconded to postpone Council Bill 121000 until June 24, 2025.

Councilmember Rivera announced she was disqualifying herself from voting on the motion to postpone due to a conflict of interest.

In Favor: 6 Member Kettle, Council President Nelson, Member Rinck, Member Saka, Member Solomon, Member Strauss

Opposed: 2 Member Hollingsworth, Member Moore

Disqualified: 1 Member Rivera

2 City Council 06/24/2025 passed as amended Pass

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):

Notes: ACTION 1:

By unanimous consent, the Council Rules were suspended to allow Tamaso Johnson, Council Central Staff, to address the Council.

ACTION 2:

Councilmember Rivera announced she was disqualifying herself from voting on Council Bill 121000 due to a conflict of interest.

ACTION 3:

Motion was made by Councilmember Saka and duly seconded to amend Council Bill 121000, by adding a new Section 3 and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

Section 3. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI): (1) conduct outreach efforts to educate landlords about the requirements of this ordinance; and (2) transmit to Council, by January 31, 2026, a report describing the results of these outreach efforts and proposing potential ways that SDCI could assist with the implementation of this ordinance.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon

Opposed: None

Disqualified: 1 - Rivera

ACTION 4:

Motion was made by Councilmember Moore and duly seconded to amend Section 1 of Council Bill 121000 as shown in Attachment 1 to the Minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Saka, Solomon
Opposed: None
Disqualified: 1 - Rivera

ACTION 5:

Motion was made by Councilmember Rinck and duly seconded to amend Section 1 of Council Bill 121000 as shown in the underlined language below:

7.34.040 Enforcement and penalties

The City Attorney may file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction for violations of this Chapter 7.34 for civil penalties of up to \$7,500 per violation. Each instance of coordinating services for each dwelling unit may be considered a separate violation. The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the City Attorney if the City Attorney is the prevailing party.

7.34.050 Private right of action

Any person injured by a violation of this Chapter 7.34 may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction against a landlord or other person violating this Chapter 7.34 to recover damages up to \$7,500 per violation in addition to any actual damages incurred. The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to any person injured by a violation of this Chapter 7.34 if that person is the prevailing party.

The motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 6 - Hollingsworth, Kettle, Moore, Nelson, Rinck, Solomon

Opposed: 1 - Saka

Disqualified: 1 - Rivera

In Favor: 7 Member Hollingsworth, Member Kettle, Member Moore, Council
President Nelson, Member Rinck, Member Saka, Member Solomon

Opposed: 0

Disqualified: 1 Member Rivera

3 City Clerk 07/01/2025 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted to the Mayor for Mayor's signature.

3 Mayor 07/01/2025 Signed

3 Mayor 07/01/2025 returned City Clerk

3 City Clerk 07/01/2025 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

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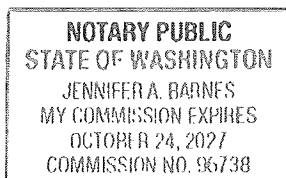
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City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on June 24, 2025, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

Ordinance 127239

Council Bill 121007

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain claims for the week of June 9, 2025, through June 13, 2025, and ordering the payment thereof; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Ordinance 127240

Council Bill 120992

AN ORDINANCE granting Downtown Seattle Association permission to install, maintain, and operate interactive media kiosks in public places located in the Metropolitan Improvement District and in other participating Business Improvement Areas, for a 16.5-year term, renewable for one successive 13.5-year term; specifying the conditions under which this permit is granted; suspending and superseding Sections 15.12.010, 23.55.001-23.55.003, 23.55.005, 23.55.008, 23.55.014, 23.55.015, 23.55.022, 23.55.024, 23.55.028, 23.55.030, 23.55.034, and 23.55.036 of the Seattle Municipal Code to the extent inconsistent; providing for the acceptance of the permit and conditions; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Downtown Seattle Association.

Ordinance 127241

Council Bill 121000

AN ORDINANCE relating to prohibiting algorithmic rent fixing; and adding a new Chapter 7.34 to the Seattle Municipal Code.

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